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Pro-Life Activists Arrested at Valley

■ *Pro- and anti-abortionists exchanged harsh words in the campus square.*

BY BEN JAURON
NEWS EDITOR

Two anti-abortion activists will appear in court in January after they were arrested for "interference with peaceful conduct of schools" in Monarch Square. The members of the pro-life group "Survivors" were arrested Nov. 6 after an altercation with pro-choice students who were in the quad for club day fundraisers.

"They know what they can and can't do," said sheriff's deputy Eric Hartman. "They're not going to go through the proper procedures, they want to be disruptive so they can stand out."

The group is known for visiting schools and spreading its message. According to Survivors' literature, "Any person born after Jan. 22, 1973 is a survivor of the American abortion holocaust. On this date, the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion throughout all 50 states." They visited Valley College to distribute pamphlets and express their views and set up pictures that displayed mutilated fetuses that many found offensive.

"Everyone has a right to their opinions, but the pictures were inappropriate," said Caprice Terry, a UCLA student who works in the transfer center. Terry was working at the transfer center fundraiser booth when the group arrived. "I felt it was an infringement on my rights, so I went to campus security and asked them if they had a right to be here."

Psychology club president and avid pro-choicer Bridget Amato, who was in the square raising funds for her club, confronted Survivors and started a disturbance.

"I'm really upset that they were showing grotesque pictures of unborn babies ripped apart," said Amato. She added that the Survivors' signs and pamphlets were displaying incorrect information and spoke of the number of women who died from illegal abortions in the past.

Terry notified security and they discovered the activists had no permit to be on campus. For non-student organizations to be on the grounds they must complete an "application for use of college facilities" and a "hold harmless and indemnification agreement" forms. Larger events such as political rallies in Monarch Hall also require a deposit for liability insurance and other services.

The Survivors said campus administration asked them to pay for an insurance policy, which they felt was unjust. The Survivors did not identify whom in the campus administration they spoke to.

"They told us we had to take out an insurance policy and it would be a week before we were allowed to hand out flyers on campus," said Dan McCullough, director of Survivors.

Terry and others said that some pro-lifers were not intimidated by campus security and continually provoked them.

"That's a normal thing for us to run into administrators who oppose what we're doing," said McCullough. "Some people think they can bully us just because they have a uniform and a badge. I just try to stand up for my rights."

Survivors members Victoria Soria and Jonathan O'Toole were arrested at 11:40 a.m. According to their organization, they are the fourth and fifth to be arrested since September, the most recent incident occurring at Harbor College in October.

"We're not being allowed to exercise our first amendment rights," said O'Toole. "Pro-choice, pro-abortion people want to practice free speech, but they don't want to extend that right to us."

Valley may be a public institution, but sheriffs have the authority to close campus to the public at any time. Deputy Sheriff Randy Tuinstra doesn't believe the pro-lifer's claims that they attempted to obtain permission.

"They were told how to get a permit," said Tuinstra. "If they said they tried to get one, it's a lie." He added that the Survivors' excuse about having to buy insurance was also false and simply an excuse not to go through proper channels. "Their purpose is to be loud and cause problems."

FOR THE VALLEY STAR / ALEX DASH

NO PERMIT - Campus security officer Robert Figueroa confronts pro-life activists Victoria Soria and Dan McCullough (right) on Nov. 6.

Proudly We Hail

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HONORING OUR VETERANS - Lt. General John Rhodes spoke at Forest Lawn's 43rd annual Veterans Day Celebration Monday. The event also included a presentation by Gov. Gray Davis, a Condor Squadron flyover and performances by Clann and Drumma, Scotland's leading musical band.

Public Education Applauds Passing of Prop. 47

■ *California public schools will receive additional renovation funding.*

BY BEN JAURON AND
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Kindergarten-through-university public schools will receive $13 billion for campus renovations from the passing of Proposition 47 earlier this month. From this, Valley College will receive $14.5 million, which will cover half the cost of the planned allied health science building.

"The passage of this bond was essential to provide instructional access to the increasing numbers of students who are seeking a higher education at community colleges," said Chancellor of California Community Colleges Thomas Nussbaum in a press release.

The allied health science building is a top priority because the current structures of the biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, anthropology, nursing and respiratory therapy departments — which will all be housed in the new building — do not meet contemporary standards, according to campus administration. If the proposition hadn't passed the school would have had to rely on future measures to complete lower priority renovations.

"There will never be enough money to do what we'd like to do," said vice president of administrative services Tom Jacobsmeyer. "We'd like to rebuild the whole campus, but that's not in the crystal ball."

The measure will provide money to refurbish schools in the elementary, secondary, college and university systems. Of the funding, $1.65 billion will go to higher education facilities, with $746 million for community colleges. The remaining $11.4 billion will be distributed to K-12 schools.

Students Pinned for Achievement

■ *Hundreds of students celebrated academic excellence at the Dean's reception.*

BY SERENA DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

More than 300 students with grade point averages above 3.5 were honored at the Dean's reception in Monarch Hall Thursday. Several received the President's Honor Award, given only to those who maintained that G.P.A. for three consecutive semesters.

"I'm thrilled," said Tyrone Cain, A.S.U. commissioner of political affairs, after receiving his pin to cheers from colleagues. "I've worked very hard to earn this and I'll continue to work to keep it."

Sen. Richard Alarcon spoke to students about the importance of community college. "I believe people in the community college system represent the real world," said Alarcon, who took classes at Valley College while attending CSUN. Like many Valley students today, Alarcon said he faced economic difficulties and became a parent during college.

"Why aren't the universities teaching more remedial classes?" Alarcon asked, adding that universities place too much burden on community colleges to teach English as a second language and other remedial programs.

"I'm very excited to have had Senator Alarcon come to our school," said Valley President Tyree Wieder. "His remarks were very inspirational."

Valley's honor society Tau Alpha Epsilon hosted the reception.

"This school is a community," said David Spaccia, vice president of T.A.E. "It's important to recognize that students can participate in activities on campus because it's their school."

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PROBLEM SOLVERS - Guest speaker Sen. Richard Alarcon talks to students in Monarch Hall Thursday.

Writing On the Wall

BY BEN JAURON AND
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An art form to some and an eyesore to others, graffiti is a continuing battle on campus. Many outdoor walls are a mosaic of cover-up paint, bathroom doors are home to everything from jokes to disparaging comments, and desks are damaged from carvings and permanent inks.

"The nicest spots are the targets of punks and vandals," said facilities manager David Ogney, adding that the cafeteria restrooms were tagged two days after being renovated. "If it's been fixed today, it'll be hit tomorrow."

Recent incidents have included the scrawling of "A.P.," "Armenian Power" and "West Side Armenian Power" in blue marker on the doors of the physics building and a nearby bench in the arcade area. Security found the markings "1/2\ A.P.C." in black spray paint in three locations near the College Road West entrance a few days later.

The west wall of the visitors ticket booth of the football stadium was vandalized with the letters "MADK" in red spray paint earlier that week. Four days later,

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"Under God" Under Fire

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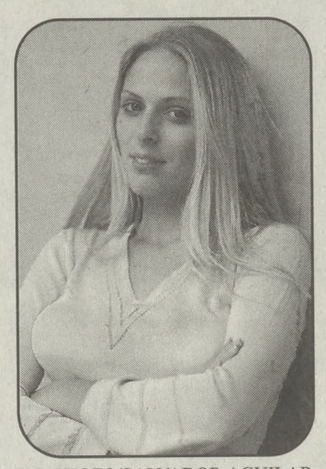

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STERLING ANDREWS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Pledge of Allegiance has been a significant part of our American tradition. In a time when America needs to remain strong together, debating whether the words "under God" should be removed from the pledge is absurd. As President George W. Bush said about the topic, "This is ridiculous."

The phrase "under God" doesn't refer to one deity. The pledge doesn't say anything about the Catholic god, Buddha, or Allah; it is meant to refer to whomever each individual believes in. Those were the intentions of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, when he signed the act adding "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954. "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our Nation and our people to the Almighty," stated Eisenhower.

With children growing up so fast and the world so morally bankrupt, giving children a solid structure to live by is a must. Aren't we fighting a war on terrorism and a war in the Middle East? Do we really have to debate about what is right in the United States and confuse the youth?

The debate came in response to a lawsuit filed by Michael Newdow, an atheist who objected to the words "under God" because the pledge was said daily in his daughter's second-grade class. Come on Mr. Newdow, this is extreme. You could just have your daughter not say the words "under God" every morning. She could stand and remain quiet out of respect for her country. It really has nothing to do with your daughter; and you could use a little respect for your country as well.

Outraged lawmakers blasted the court's initial decision that "under God" was unconstitutional as "outrageous," "nuts," and "stupid." The U.S. Senate was so outraged that it passed a resolution 99-0 "expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance" and asking Senate counsel to "seek to intervene in the case."

California schools are required by law to conduct "appropriate patriotic exercises," which the pledge is considered to be. In the Irvine world news, Orange County school officials said that, if the ban on the pledge were upheld, it would significantly alter the way most school days begin.

Our Founding Fathers must be spinning in their graves. Will we soon find ourselves prohibited from our album of patriotic songs in many public settings? "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" will be gone for sure, and what will happen to "the Star Spangled Banner?" What's next? Will the courts strip "so help me God" from the pledge taken by new presidents?" Will our currency no longer

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It is important that children are encouraged to be proud of their country, but are we so weak in our loyalty that we need God to confirm that pride? Aren't Americans capable of loving their flag without thrusting it to the heavens? I see no reason to include the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance, and I believe they should be removed.

Supporters of an "under God" pledge claim that the Constitution is based in religious morals. However, Article 11 of the Treaty of Tripoli, signed by John Adams in 1797, states that "The government of the United States is not in any sense founded in religion." In Oct. 1756, Adams wrote that "This would be the best of all possible worlds if there were no religion in it." Liberty and justice are the foundation of this country, not religious morals. In 1802, Thomas Jefferson wrote that "In every country and in every age, the priest has been hostile to liberty."

The pledge contained no reference to God until the board of directors of Catholic organization the Knights of Columbus amended the pledge to include "under God" when they recited it at the beginning of their meetings. After much campaigning by the Knights, the resolution was adopted by Congress in 1954 during a time when government officials routinely held, questioned, and prosecuted citizens accused of being communists. At the time, it seemed as if having one nation "under God" was more important than "liberty and justice for all."

The addition of the words was made in assumption that every American believes in God, and is directly disrespectful to the freedoms given to us by our forefathers, that we not only have the freedom to choose which religion we practice, but also the freedom not to practice a religion

Asking children of non-religious families to "simply leave out" "under God" when they recite the pledge isn't that simple. Baptized in the church of Science of Mind and raised in a Wiccan household until age 11, I was one of those children that remained silent during the "under God" portion. I was questioned by my teachers, teased by my classmates, and one boy even punched me in the stomach, telling me "My dad says you're going to Hell because you don't believe in God." My teacher, a strict Baptist who asked me if I worshipped the devil, did nothing about the incident.

As for the question of what will happen to our national anthem and other precious patriotic songs such as "God bless America" and "America the Beautiful," they should remain unaffected as long as they are not a required part of every day curriculum for school children, and their messages not forced upon learning minds

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The first Amendment of the Constitution gives U.S. citizens wonderful rights, but it should not be used as an excuse to publicly display vulgar or offensive materials, even if the cause is honorable.

Not one member of pro-life group "the Survivors," some of whom were arrested on campus Wednesday for "interference with peaceful conduct of schools," is a student at Valley College. The group arrived uninvited, without a permit to protest on campus. They displayed huge signs (more than five feet tall) depicting third-trimester fetuses mutilated from abortions, much to the distaste and disturbance of students and faculty. When campus police told them they could continue their protest in a designated area, some protestors refused to move. They wanted to protest on their own terms without concern for the students who had earned the right to be on campus.

What were these protesters hoping to accomplish? Why were they willing to be arrested just to display their messages in Monarch Square? This is a community college campus, not an abortion clinic or medical school. The photographs were not only vulgar, they were completely unnecessary.

If freedom of speech and expression are to be used without discretion, what will stop other groups from assembling on campus and displaying, say, a Confederate flag, or handing out literature condemning homosexuality? Sure, they may not be forcing anyone to read their pamphlets or listen to their speeches, but they are demanding that their messages be acknowledged.

The focus of many pro-life activists, including "the Survivors," is not to uphold human rights as dictated by the constitution, but to dictate human rights through the upholding of personal beliefs and religious morals. That any organization should use vulgar photographs to demand attention in the name of the Constitution should be offensive to all freedom-loving Americans.

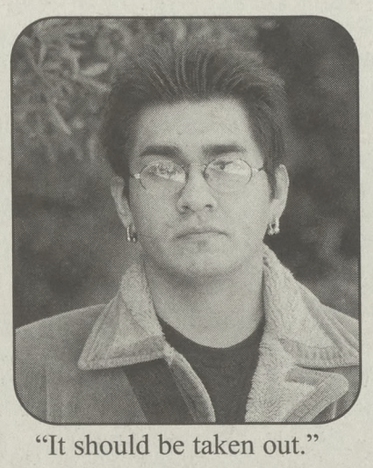
Campus View

Should "Under God" Be Removed from the Pledge?

BY ERLINDA OLVERA AND BEN JAURON

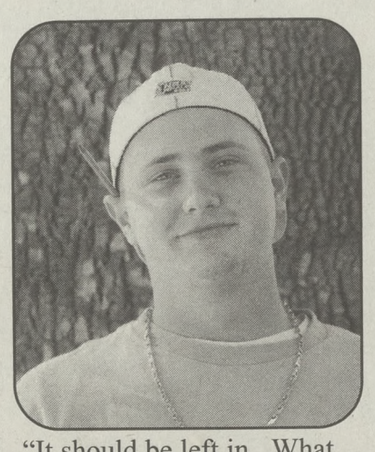
"It should be left in, but people should have the option not to say it."

Christina Parker
Liberal Arts



"It should be taken out."

Jerry Tamariz
Psychology



"It should be left in. What else would the nation be under?"

Grant Mahoney
Undeclared

"It's important. God plays a big part of our spiritual lives."

Kesha Williams
Psychology

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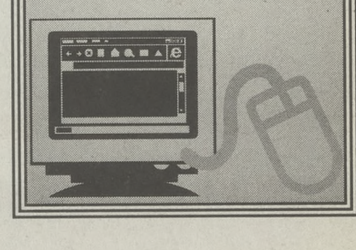

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"Our Town" a Good Value

BY CATHLEEN KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

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MARRY ME - George asks Emily to spend her life with him during the play "Our Town" performed on the Mainstage Theatre Nov. 8.

From the time of the first performance in 1938, "Our Town" has continued to be regarded as one of the best representations of life in America and of the richness of our theater world. The Valley College theater department showcased the impact of this classic play Thursday for the opening of a 10-day run.

Written by Thornton Wilder, "Our Town" is an American classic about life and the people living it in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. Throughout the play, the audience is drawn in by details about the town, the families and individuals who live there, love and marriage, and life and death.

"I liked the non-traditional casting," said Michael Bruno, Valley student. "I was in the play when I was in high school, so I am familiar with it and the actors were very good."

Although some students initially questioned the play's prestige due to the slow first act, many soon realized the importance of messages within, such as "You've got to have life to love life. You've got to love life to have life," "Life is meant to be lived two by two," and "Does any human being ever realize how wonderful life is while they live it?"

"I loved the finish product," said Sean Schwartz, Valley computer marketing student. "It shows that hard work pays off." Thornton Wilder believed that life was meaningful only when lived with full awareness of the present moment's value.

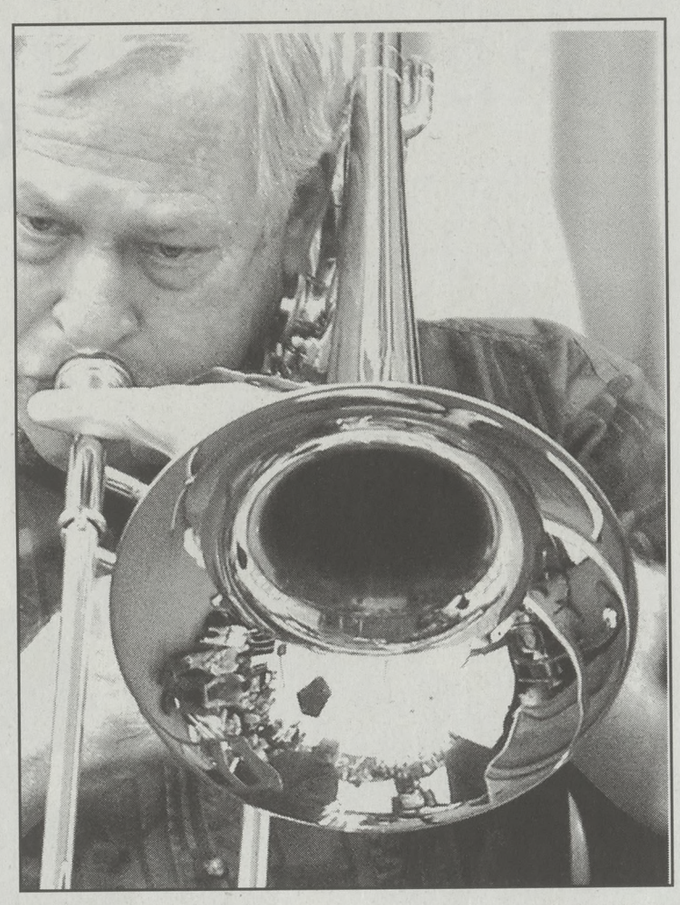
Pulitzer Prize-winning "Our Town" is a must see play. Valley college students do a great job reminding the audience to love life and all the small and seemingly mundane things that come with it.

"I just saw the play at Glendale College," said Michelle Fernando, communications student. "I liked the play here tonight better."

"Our Town" will run Nov. 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. on the Main Stage of the Theatre Arts Department.

Swinging to the Forties

BY HARRIET STEINBERG
FOR THE STAR



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GET JAZZED - The LAVC Jazz band rocked the music building on Thursday.

The sounds of the LAVC Jazz Band directed by Valley music instructor Dr.Woody James rattled the ears of students and faculty Thursday in the music recital hall. This band consists of studio musicians who grew up during the Big Band era.

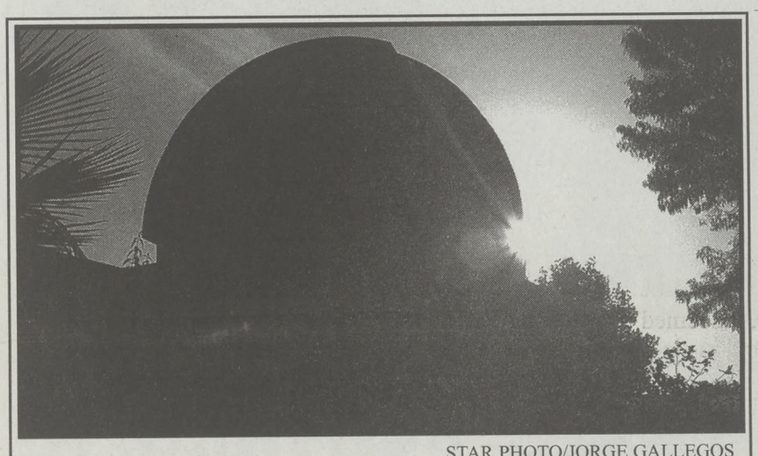
There was an exuberant response from the audience, which was composed of mostly people from a nearby retirement home, when they heard the familiar melodies. After the male vocalist, Buzz Maddox, sang "It Could Happen to You," one man sighed, "That was great! I never miss any of these programs." Patti Lee captivated the audience with her voice and personality as she sang a medley from Harry James.

Valley students didn't need to remember songs from the 1940s to enjoy the performance. "I liked the trombone player," said student Rachel Page, "except when it got a little too loud."

Ronnie Gutierrez, the dynamic drum player who played in the Salsa Band at Valley College last month received a tremendous applause when he banged furiously on his drum, and the harmony in Contigo Aprendi" along with the gentle crooning of Larry Covelli's tenor saxophone were mellow and pleasing to hear.

There was a strong feeling of satisfaction as the audience got up to leave. "I loved it," said Florence Bunes, one of the residents. "The drummer is fantastic."

Dr. James can be seen playing at Casey's Tavern on Sherman Way at Topanga Canyon in Canoga Park. His hours are 8:30 p.m. –11:30 p.m. on Thursdays and 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Sundays.



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SUNSET SILHOUETTE - The LAVC planetairum is one of the two planetariums in the San Fernando Valley. It was built in 1963.

Reaching for the Stars

BY NICOLE SUNKES
FOR THE STAR

Los Angeles Valley College, home to one of two planetariums in the San Fernando Valley, opened its doors to students and residents for "The Fall Sky" Friday night at 8 p.m.

The program, hosted by Astronomy Professor David Falk and sponsored by the Astronomy Club at Valley, guided the audience through constellations found during the night sky.

"We want to share our enthusiasm of the sky with people," said Falk.

The show was a huge success, selling out minutes before show time, forcing a second program to be scheduled at 9:15 p.m. "We haven't been sold out like this in over a year," said four and-a-half-year Astronomy Club member Lori Young.

The presentation guided the viewers through the changes of the night sky from about 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. The constellations were projected onto the domed ceiling, followed by a brief mythological explanation of the constellations and their stories.

The Astronomy Group sponsors about five different presentations every semester, and the $2.50 to $3.50 ticket price goes toward new equipment, telescopes, and binoculars.

The group also has monthly star parties, held the Saturday before the full moon, where they go out to remote places away from artificial lighting and look at the stars.

Although Glendale College is currently constructing a planetarium, and California State University Northridge also has one, LAVC is the only community college in the Valley that has a planetarium.

The next planetarium show will be "E.T., The Real Search" on Dec. 13.

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"MADK" struck the same location. Whether the incident relates to the hip-hop label M.A.D.K. Productions or the television show MADK's Hip Hop 101 is unknown.

Since the markings are only discovered by campus security in the early morning, no suspects or witnesses were found and Valley was left to pay for damages, which totaled $260 for removal. Ogney said that an annual $75,000 is spent for graffiti removal.

The custodians have a same-day removal policy, but the extent of the damage determines which department is responsible for removal. If it is a small job, the custodial staff handles it. Painters must handle the larger ones.

Painter Amos Hayes complained of one specific tagger known as "Pest." "He's definitely a pest, and he's a nuisance to Valley College," he said.

Now that campus sheriffs are involved, Hayes is confident that Pest will be caught. He added that the 'Dutch Boy bullying' is winning the fight because vandals realize their marks won't remain long. "We take it off right away," said Hayes. "To let them know, 'I have more paint than you have.'"

Not all graffiti can be removed. One of the biggest problems is etching on the bathroom mirrors, according to Long and Ogney. Since nothing can be done to remove or conceal the damage, the mirrors must be replaced. Last year, all mirrors were replaced in 10 buildings but were damaged two days later, according to Ogney.

"It bothers me to see writing on the walls," said student Joe Ojeda. "Especially when it is gang related."

Faculty members are also disgusted by the vandalism. "There is a lot of graffiti in the library," said Rex Burchette, a library employee. "It's a travesty. They draw on desks when they should be studying."

Campus officials attribute the recent decline in graffiti to the sheriff department's presence.

"If we catch them, they go to jail," said Dep. Randy Tuinstra, "They will face court discipline, and if they are a student here, they will face school discipline too."

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as truths. As for the motto "in God we trust" inscribed on our currency, the motto suggested by our forefathers, "e pluribus unum" (from many, one) is far more appropriate. Why or how God has anything to do with money is beyond me, and the idea that God might be partial to one nation should be an insult to anyone who considers themselves spiritual. If we are one nation, under God, so are Iraq and Afghanistan.

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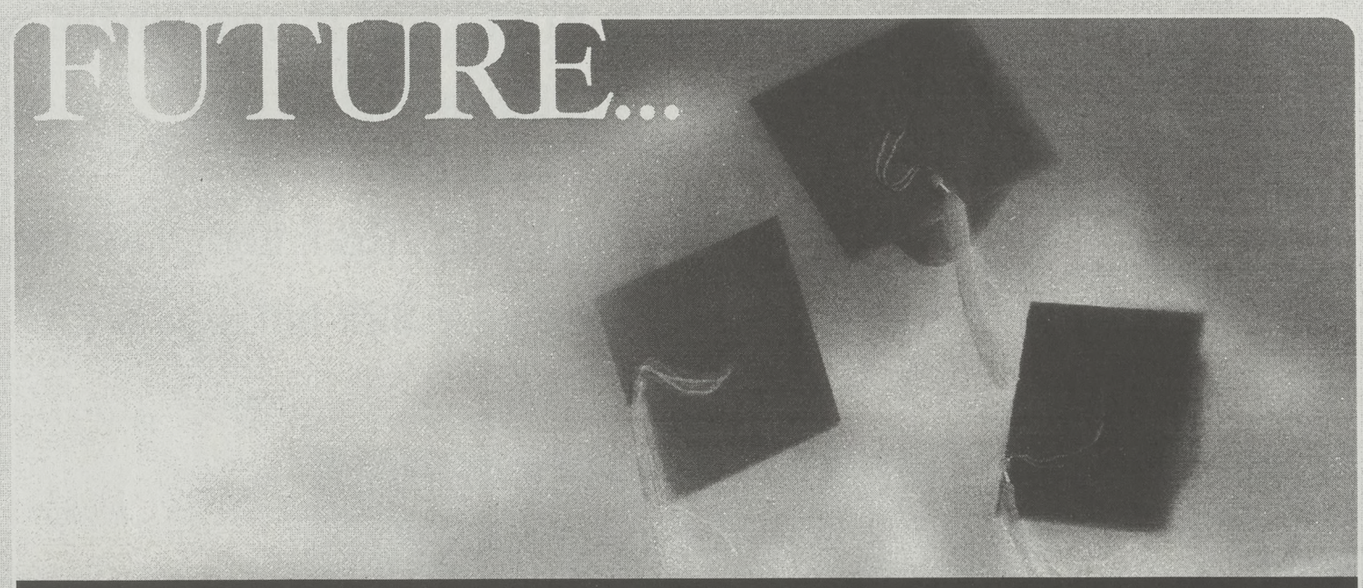

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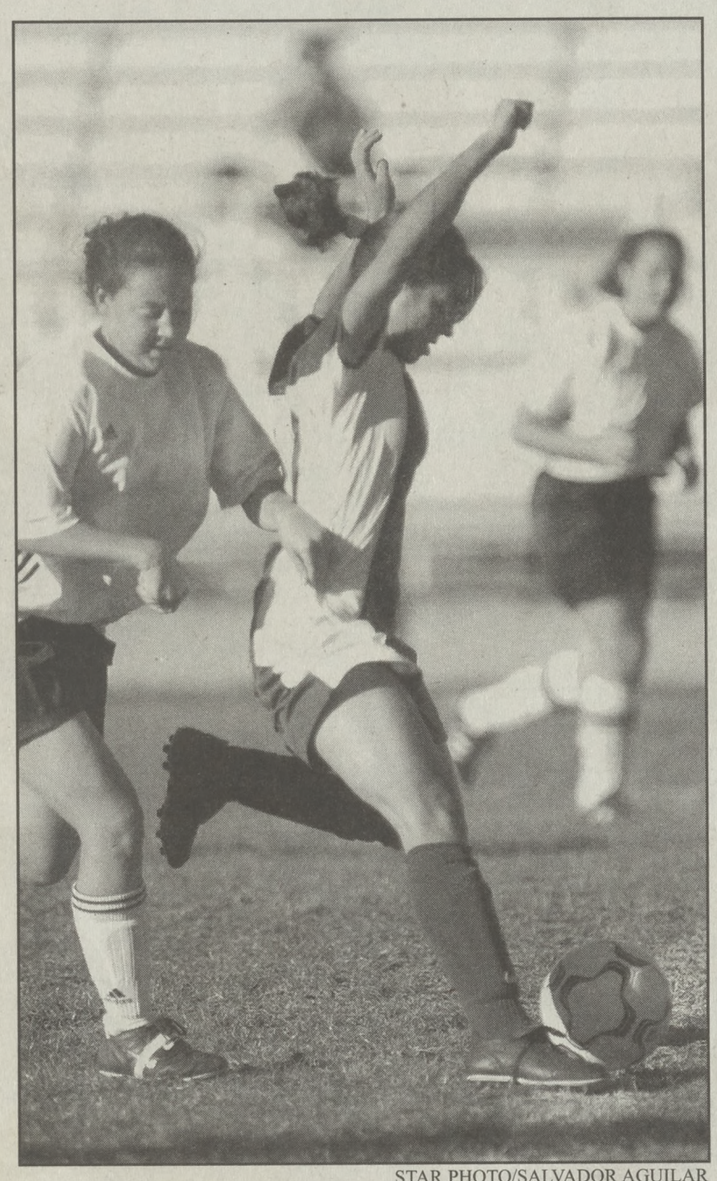
WOMEN'S SOCCER: SEASON ONE

Lady Monarchs End Inaugural Season



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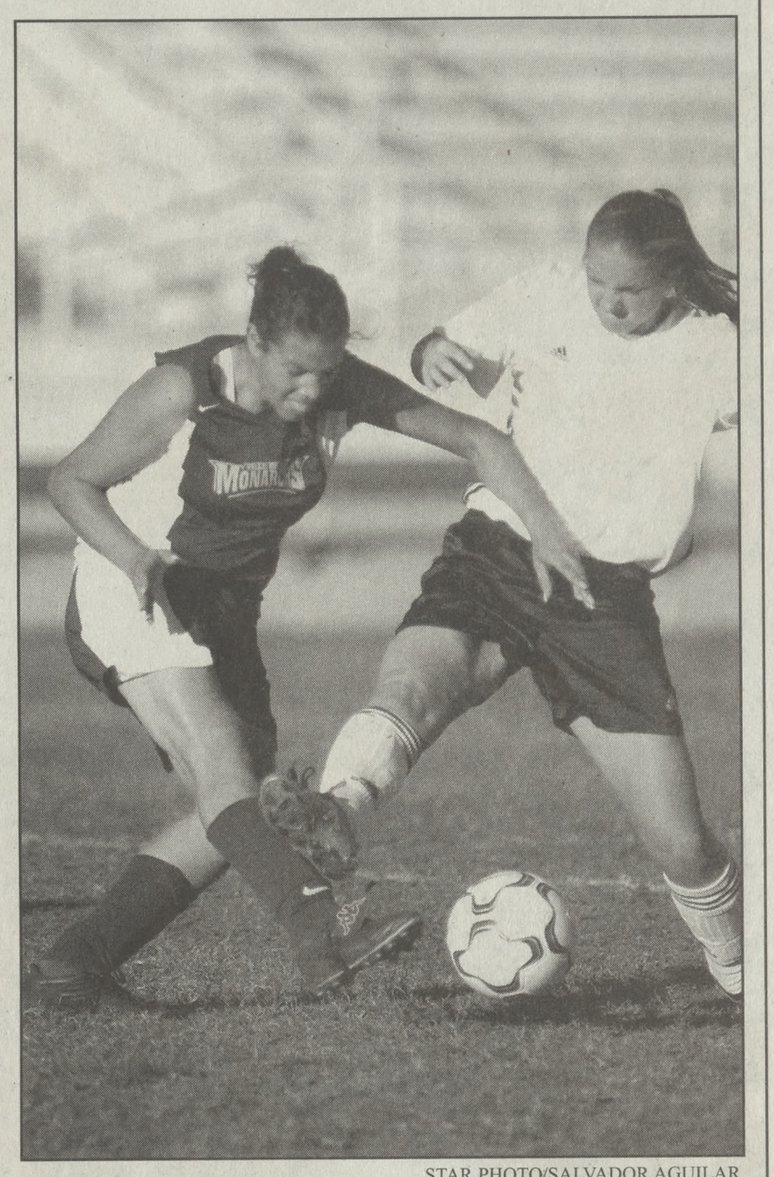

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WAITING FOR AN OPENING-Forward Claudia Passalacqua covers the ball from Citrus defender (left). Monarch goalkeeper Lizzie Baumwirt makes a save (middle) and forward Susie Gil battles for the ball (right) in the Monarchs' last game on Nov. 11. The game was played at Monarch Stadium. The final score was 0-3.

A Messy Loss in Ventura

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Combine an overused turf, an unusually heavy downpour of rain, and two collegiate football teams, and the result is a field destined for anything but football.

But football it was Saturday night as the Monarchs lost to the Ventura Pirates 6-7.

The game was played at Larrabee Stadium on a plot of land so muddy that by game's end, jersey numbers were barely discernible.

Due to poor footing, neither team had much success in moving the football. To that end, both quarterbacks completed only a single pass during the game. That left the running backs to churn up the field, both sides in search of what little grass remained on the gridiron.

Truth be told, neither team was successful in slosing upfield, forcing 14 punts in the contest. The Pirates fumbled the ball seven times, none of which the Monarchs cold capitalize on.

However, Craig Chisolm was able to step in front of a Jason Beck pass to gain his first interception of the year.

The Monarchs fumbled three times, with all recoveries by Ventura. With most of the work on the ground, the game was completed in less than two and one half hours.

The bright spot for Valley was James Norris' 88-yard punt return, resulting in the Monarchs' only score. Additionally, it breaks a 50-year-old record set by Bill New in a game against San Diego in 1952 for longest punt return.

Valley will host the Moorpark Raiders Saturday at Monarch Field.

LAVC SCORES

FOOTBALL (4-4)
Ventura 7 Valley 6

Next Game:
11/16 1pm vs. Moorpark

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Valley 0 Citrus 3
Valley 1 Glendale 6

MEN'S WATER POLO
Fullerton 12 Valley 10

WOMEN'S WATER POLO
Long Beach 16 Valley 6

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
San Diego Mesa Tip-Off
Valley 73 El Camino 44
Valley 50 Cerritos 55
Valley 90 Rio Hondo 46

Next Tournament:
Merced Classic - 11/14-17

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Concordia Classic
Valley 51 Cypress 41
Valley 75 West LA 59
Valley 75 Antelope Valley 78

Next Tournament:
Fullerton Tournament 11/13-16

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MOORPARK	5-0	1.000	206	41.2	93	18.6	7-1	.875
L.A. VALLEY	**3-2**	**.600**	**104**	**20.8**	**66**	**13.2**	**4-4**	**.500**
VENTURA	3-2	.600	131	26.2	84	16.8	4-4	.500
CITRUS	3-2	.600	130	26.0	159	31.8	4-4	.500
GLENDALE	3-2	.600	110	22.0	126	25.2	3-5	.375
BAKERSFIELD	1-4	.200	113	22.6	141	28.2	3-5	.375
SANTA BARBARA	1-4	.200	51	10.2	132	26.4	3-5	.375
EAST L.A.	1-4	.200	130	26.0	174	34.8	1-7	.125

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Early Sunday morning, 20,000 motorcyclists rolled out for the 19th annual Love Ride. The 50-mile caravan started at Harley-Davidson/Buell of Glendale and ended at Castaic Lake. Bikers enjoyed a concert, barbecue and trade show. The event raised more than $1 million for the Reading by Nine and Muscular Dystrophy Associations.

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